cent increase in Muslim population in Kutch;

(d) whether the smuggling in Rajasthan across Indo-Pak border has reached alarming proportions; and

(e) if the answer to parts (a) to (d) be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Some smuggling of narcotics, gold and arms are taking place through Punjab border. The Government are taking effective anti-smuggling measures for apprehending the smuggled goods and for plugging loopholes.

(b) No killings involving infiltrators have taken place on Tripura-Bangladesh border during the year 1989 (upto February). During this period 128 infiltrators were apprehended by BSF on this border and 3877 infiltrators were apprehended on West Bengal border. Bihar does not have any international border with Bangladesh.

(c) The Government have no reports to indicate increase of 90 per cent of Muslim population in Kutch through infiltration.

(d) Though there is smuggling through Rajasthan border, due to anti-smuggling measures taken by BSF, there is no information about alarming increase of smuggling.

(e) Security forces have been strengthened on borders with more manpower, additional border outposts, observation post towers, sophisticated equipment and vehicles for intensive patrolling.

Proposal to set up an office of S.C.I.C.I. in Delhi

950. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an office of S.C.I.C.I. in Delhi;

(b) if not, what measures are proposed to be taken for better coordination between S.C.I.C.I. and concerned Ministries like the Ministry of Food Processing Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) SICCI's Board of Directors include representatives from Ministries of Finance, Agriculture, and Food Processing Industries. Further, SCICI is associated with certain Committee of Government of India concerning sectors connected with SCICI's sphere of operations.

Export of Shrimps

951. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the details of various measures proposed by MPEDA to ensure supply of sufficient shrimps for export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): The measures taken by the MPEDA to ensure supply of sufficient shrimps for export purposes includes promotion of shrimp farming for augmenting production of Cultured Shrimps, setting up of shrimp hatcheries and seed banks, assisting the farmers in site selection and preparation of project reports besides extending technical assistance in farm construction and drawing up action plans for shrimp farming in some maritime states.

Projects undertaken through World Bank Assistance

952. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the projects currently being undertaken with the World Bank assistance and how far the progress has been achieved in each case; and

(b) the details of such projects in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The details of projects which are currently under implementation with World Bank Group loans/credits, including the projects in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, are furnished in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 48]

Assam-Nagaland Border Dispute

953. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam-Nagaland border dispute has not been settled so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in this regard;

(c) whether both the State Governments have requested his Ministry for the early settlement of the border dispute; and

(d) if so, the help extended by the Centre for the early solution of the issues involving the border of both the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) Though Governments of Assam and Nagaland have expressed their desire to settle the long standing border dispute between them, they are yet to arrive at an amicable and mutually agreed solution. The Chief Ministers of Assam and Nagaland have recently met and have agreed upon on certain points relating to recent incident. The Central Government have always been of the view that such disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned. Meanwhile, the Government of Assam have taken this dispute to the Supreme Court where it is presently pending.

Bench of Orissa High Court

954. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a separate bench of Orissa High Court at Keonjhargarh;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up separate benches of Orissa High Courts at some other places of the State also; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Use of electronic voting machines in the coming general elections

955. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to use electronic voting machines during the next general elections;

(b) if so, in how many constituencies such electronic voting machines are proposed to be used; and

(c) the preparations made therefor till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Electronic voting machines are intended to be pressed into service in the general elections due this year in those constituencies identified as sensitive by the Election Commission.